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a time so soon after my settlement & they must I
think have taken my services as it not being becoming
of a cutler agent. But still I advise them not to
join the Am. anti. S. S. at that time as you have
repeatedly shown by a lapsus penae. Mr G. you say was
sensitive about their burning Am. anti. S. S. - sensitive.
- Ah! that is fortunate for my consistency & unfortunate for
your part of this controversy about a point of order. I need go
no further for I have penne from the mouth & pen of my
adversary that I was very sensitive about the people here
joining your society. & now I challenge you to prove
your assertion that I was & future to have an abolition soc
auxiliary to the Am. anti. Soc.!

your only resort now is ~~now~~ to show that when you saw
me & when I had an interview with the friends of the cause
here I expressed myself decidedly against slavery & in favour
of all wise consistent & temperate measures to do it away.
These views I now have & the only change in my views is
an increased conviction of the want of courtesy, kindness
& wisdom on the part of your soc. in carrying forward your
plans. I feel for the oppressed coloured man. & it was my
purpose to lift my voice on all suitable occasions
against the sin of slavery. ~~But you have produced facts
and stated the case here that I hardly feel it safe to allude to
Hence I was from the pulpit & will you have the
goodness for a little time to direct your attention to
some other part of your discourse let the Northern
people be assured above & before you.~~

Yours. &c. A. Granger

P.S. Mr G. Sir. If you cannot insert this in the next number of
the Emancipator please return it immediately to me
you have said something in your paper about my sermon
on slavery. Will you insert facts & extracts of them in the
Emancipator by being sent you?

statement. But the discrepancy between my letter & the one
you received now claims a little explanation. I say explanation
for I do not impute any moral obliquity to them, but I think
they will not regret that they have suffered themselves to be
used by you to subserve such purposes. I do not ask you
to publish their names. I do not blame them for being
led into the business. It is their misfortune & your sin.
I shall not cherish one unkind feeling towards them nor
towards you if you will honestly confess your fault &
will invite you next time you come this way to call at
my house & we will pray over the matter & be as good
friends as ever. You ^{induced} ~~got~~ them to state that I said the Am.
Anti-S. Soc. had acted as prudently & wisely as any other
benevolent society although I disapproved of some of your
measures. My language was not quoted exactly correct &
the little ~~word~~ word in the letter makes a great difference in
the sentiment. The language as they quote it gives a great
- a compliment to your policy than its best friends are
wont to pay to it. "Prudent & wise as any other benevolent
soc.: as prudent & wise as the Trist. Or the Mission Soc.
Many other! Surely you do not pay yourself such a compliment
- ent. & cutarily & know well. At the meeting to which you
allude held in my study one man gave the result of the
interview they had with you. They said they stated to
you some of the things they had against your policy & you ad-
- itted of yourself there that your society had sometimes been
rash & but you were improving & that you had acted
as prudently & wisely as other societies in like circumstances.
To this I responded that perhaps they had in like circum-
- stances. This was the praise language I used & the difference
I have discerning minds to see. They did not intend
I know to do me wrong. They quoted from memory & made
a little mistake in not getting the exact language.
They also state that I spoke decidedly in favour of forming a
- Soc. But this was after they had resolved to form a Soc.
& I simply gave my consent in all good feeling & friend-
- ship to a thing that I saw must go forward. This I have before
as you know labourers have to have the whole subject restat-

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Mr Phelps. Sir

In the Emancipator

I have but recently seen ~~you~~ the corrections I sent you the 28. of Sept. I did not send you those corrections from opposition to the cause you plead but from a regard to truth & facts & also to apprize you of the impropriety of publishing the doings of our Society meetings without being requested to do so & which doings were ^{not} designed for the publick. I felt that the liberty you took in publishing them was calculated ~~un~~ necessarily to irritate & offend especially with so many mistakes. & I sent you the corrections from the impression which I received that the Anti-S. friends themselves did not expect you would publish them.

I do not say any thing to you at this time about the course you pursued in sending my letter back to some unknown friends for revision before you published it. I am willing to leave that point of courtesy to your readers for decision: After all I do not see any substantial discrepancy between these communications & mine & except in one or two points & those when explained in their proper connection will bear a very different impression & save me from the imputation of duplicity which you have endeavored to fasten upon me & bear you I think (not intentionally) to bear some false witness against a Brother. In the remarks you append to the letter you draw out 8. or 10. specifications in a very logical manner to prove that I was in an error in so many respects & yet your specifications all relate pretty much to the one same thing which reminded me of the preacher who told his people in a grave introduction that he was a going to divide his sermon into one general head.

You still recitulate the charge against me that I was expected to head the Anti-S. cause here & yet there is not one word in the statement I sent you as the ground for continuing the charge. I solemnly declare before you that I never expected nor gave any person reason to expect that I should have any party in this Church & congregation except the party under the banner of the Son of God against sin disorder & unnecessary revolutions. I call upon you as a man of known & as a minister of reconciliation to correct the